

Cold Springs Presbyterian Church  
Cold Springs, Cape May County, New Jersey

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Owner: The Trustees of the Cold Springs  
Presbyterian Church

Date of Erection: 1823

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One with gallery

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - wainscot-  
ing and plaster

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The Presbyterian Church at Cold Springs was established in 1714. The first meetings were held in private homes. The first church was a small log meeting house built in 1718 during the pastorate of the Reverend Mr. Bradnor. The second meeting house was built during the pastorate of the Reverend Mr. Lawrence who served from 1754-1766. This second structure was much larger than the first and of frame and shingles. The present structure which

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is the third church was built during the tenure of Mr. Ogden who served from 1813-1825.

Architecturally this structure resembles a Friends meeting house. It has no exterior ornamentation. The interior has been renovated. The gallery is original; the organ and choir loft have been placed in the gallery just above the entrance door. The backs of the seats have been lowered. The pulpit has also been lowered.

Among the important men who have served the church are John Brainerd and his brother David, the Reverend Mr. Finley, who served as the fifth president of Princeton College, and the Reverend Moses Williamson, who started a high school at the parsonage and finally erected and conducted the Cold Springs Academy which still stands, a small frame building not far from the parsonage.

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Cold Springs Presbyterian Church  
New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail  
West side of Seashore Road,  
.3 miles North of Town Bank Road  
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